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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY
✓ THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
THE DIRECTOR, ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGENCY

SUBJECT: Further Verification Committee Work (C)

I would like to reaffirm the importance of completing earlier tasking formally assigned to the Verification Committee and its Policy and Analysis Groups in my memoranda of July 6 and July 22. Such work should be completed on an urgent basis, with priority focus on the comprehensive review of arms control compliance issues formally tasked on July 6, now partially done, and now overdue. (C)

In completing the comprehensive compliance review, the Verification Committee should promptly review the draft report recently prepared on a number of compliance issues by the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA) and informally circulated at our request on September 9 within the Verification Committee's Analysis Group. The ACDA report should serve as a basis for accelerating the Verification Committee's work and as the basis for a possible report to the Congress. Accordingly, the report should be supplemented by the inclusion of the two additional arms control compliance areas tasked to the Verification Committee earlier, but not included in the ACDA draft, i.e., the arms control provisions of the Helsinki Accords and of the Kennedy-Khrushchev agreement. In addition, consideration should be given to the urgent development of a less highly classified, and of a possible unclassified, version of the comprehensive compliance review. (S)

Both in connection with the comprehensive compliance review, and with regard to the detailed earlier tasking of July 22 concerning the PL-5 (SS-X-25) missile and Abalakovo radar issues, the Verification Committee's Policy Group should urgently develop a

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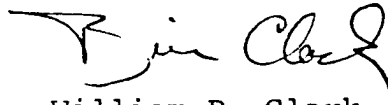
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strategy paper on future Administration options for handling the compliance issue. Areas to be considered should include diplomatic, public diplomacy, Congressional, military, and intelligence objectives, issues, and options. (S)

The Verification Committee's review and expansion of the ACDA study, as well as its recommendations for a comprehensive compliance strategy, to include recommendations on appropriate utilization of the revised study, should be completed no later than October 7. In addition, the work tasked on July 22, and now overdue, concerning the PL-5 and Abalakovo radar issues should also be completed by October 7. Subsequently, both the Verification Committee and the Senior Arms Control Policy Policy Group will further address the issue of a comprehensive compliance strategy. (S)

FOR THE PRESIDENT:



William P. Clark

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